

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please DELETE the section headings at page 7, lines 17 and 18.

Please replace the section heading at page 8, line 13 with the following rewritten section heading:

-- ~~MEANS FOR SOLVING THE PROBLEM~~SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please DELETE the section heading at page 15, line 5.

Please replace the section heading at page 16, line 1 with the following rewritten section heading:

-- ~~PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS~~DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 63, line 15 that continues onto page 64 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Of the phosphonium borate compounds (I), preferred are:

- (1) di-tert-butylmethylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (2) di-tert-butylmethylphosphonium tetra-para-tolylborate,
- (3) tri-tert-butylphosphonium tetra-para-tolylborate,
- (4) di-tert-butylethylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (5) n-butyl-di-tert-butylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (6) sec-butyl-di-tert-butylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (7) cyclohexyl-di-tert-butylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (8) di-tert-butyl-n-octylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (9) di-tert-butylphenylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- ~~(10) 2-biphenyl-di-tert-butylphosphine tetraphenylborate,~~
- (10) 2-biphenyl-di-tert-butylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (11) di-tert-butyl-1-naphthylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (12) benzyl-di-tert-butylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (13) di-tert-butyl(4-ethenylbenzyl)phosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (14) di-tert-butylvinylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (15) allyl-di-tert-butylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,

- (16) tricyclohexylphosphonium tetra-para-tolylborate,
- (17) triisopropylphosphonium tetraphenylborate,
- (18) tricyclopentylphosphonium tetraphenylborate and
- (19) n-butyldicyclohexylphosphonium tetraphenylborate. --